



Pokémon
TRADING CARD GAME
**WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIPS**
2006

ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.



A WORLD OF CHAMPIONS

The United States. Japan. Finland. This year's Champions came from all over the world.

This year's participants came from everywhere—from more than 30 countries, in all—to battle for the coveted title of 2006 **Pokémon** TCG World Champion in Anaheim, California, U.S.A. And the battle was fierce and grand. Over 500 players competed, some of them lucky and skilled enough to make it into the Main Event by doing well in a notably long Last Chance Qualifier the night before (that ran into the morning of the Championships!).





By the end of day two, that field had been trimmed down to 32 players in each of three groups.

From 32 to 16... to 8... and finally down to the top 4 competitors from each age group. Two players from the Netherlands placed in the final four (Arnoud Van Bemmelen, 10 and under, and David Booij, 11–14), the United Kingdom (Fares Sekkoum, 10 and under) was well represented, Japan fielded two excellent players (Hiroki Yano, 10 and under, and Yuta Komatsuda, 15 and up), and six competitors from the United States (Spencer Duncan, 10 and under; Austin Reed and Tad Wheeler, 11–14; Jimmy Ballard and Jason Klaczynski, 15 and up) battled into the final four, including last year's World Champion Jeremy Maron (15 and up).

The final games were tense and hard fought—Hiroki Yano played with a quiet, determined focus that captivated the attention of many onlookers, Miska Saari was cheered to victory by a large, exuberant family in the stands, and Jason Klaczynski was a gracious and grateful victor as he stepped into the spotlight. All three players, as well as those placing second and third, shared the stage during the closing ceremonies.

In the end, the 2006 **Pokémon** TCG World Championships handed out over \$100,000 in scholarships, mountains of fantastic prizes, and lots of memories to players from all over the globe. And the journey to the next World Championships begins now as players prepare for August 2007 in Kona, Hawaii!



COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING:



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UNITED STATES





THE FINAL PATH TO GREATNESS

It was a long, challenging, hard-fought road to the 2006 **Pokémon** TCG World Championships for the select few

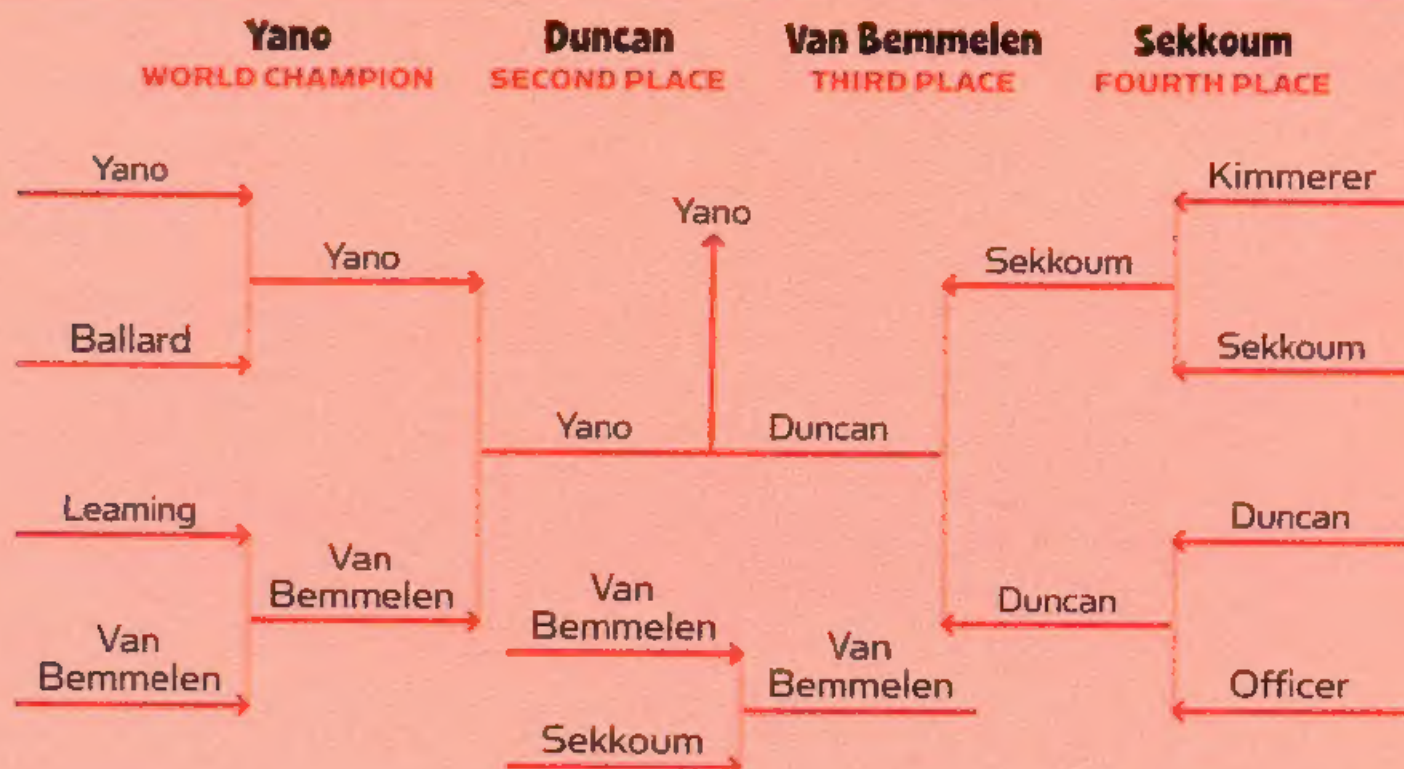
in each. Here you can follow the exciting results to the finals for the top 16 players!

players who qualified. Of the more than 400 who earned the right to compete at the game's highest level, only a handful advanced to the finals.

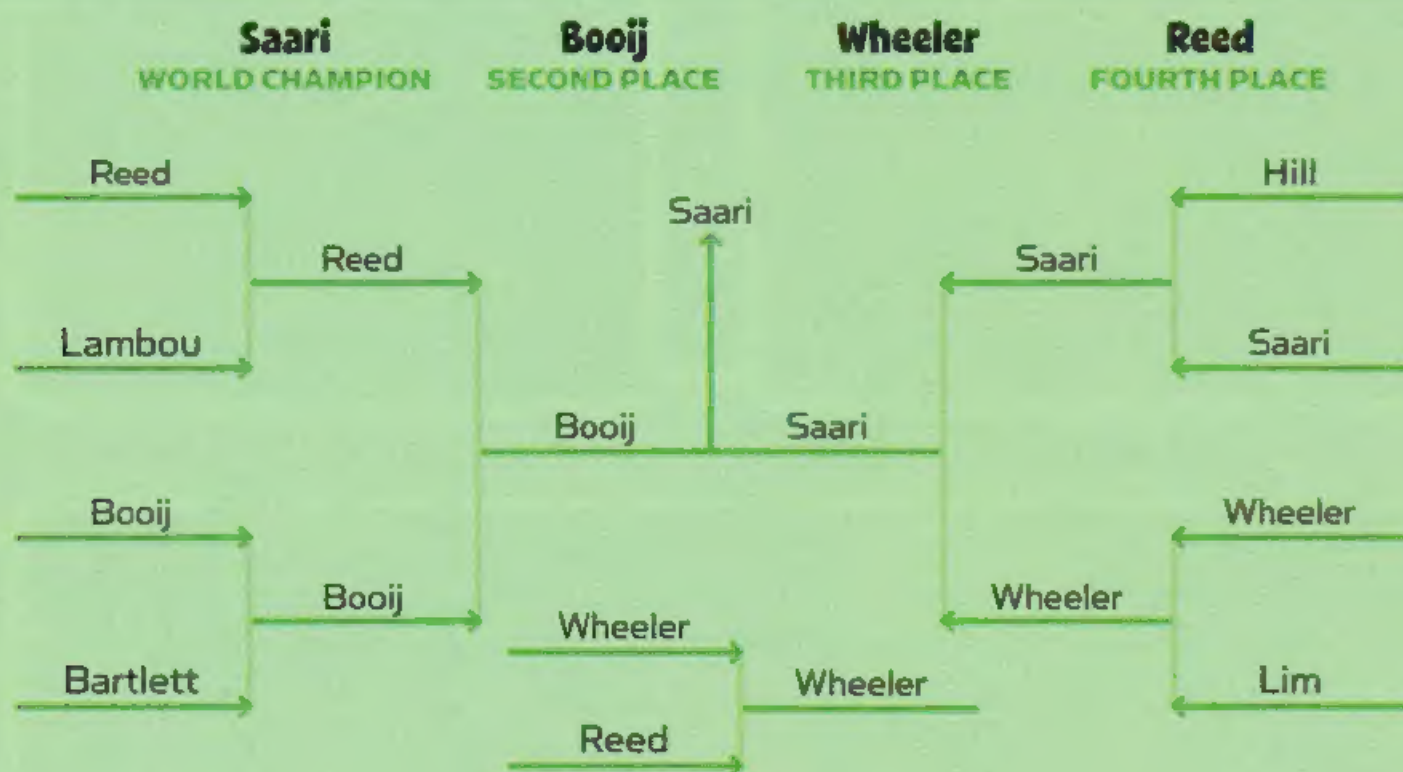
In each of the three age group brackets are two sets of pairings (four players on the far left and four on the far right) that led to the climactic Championship match (in the middle of each bracket). Below each bracket is the runner-up pairing for the third-place trophy.

On Sunday, August 20, the top 32 players in each age group battled until one great player emerged victorious

POKÉMON TCG WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS BRACKET (10-)



POKÉMON TCG WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS BRACKET (11-14)



POKÉMON TCG WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALS BRACKET (15+)





A strategic look



Gettin' the goods



The advancing players (10-) from the Last Chance Qualifier



The Welcome Reception in full swing



The Pokémon Tango





One last chance to qualify!



The calm before the storm



The line for the restrooms? No—for the Last Chance Qualifier!



This for that—the art of the trade



Pikachu, meet Pikachu





Hiroki Yano

World Champion (10 and under)

Age: 10

Country: Japan

Deck: B-L-S

Interesting Fact: Favorite

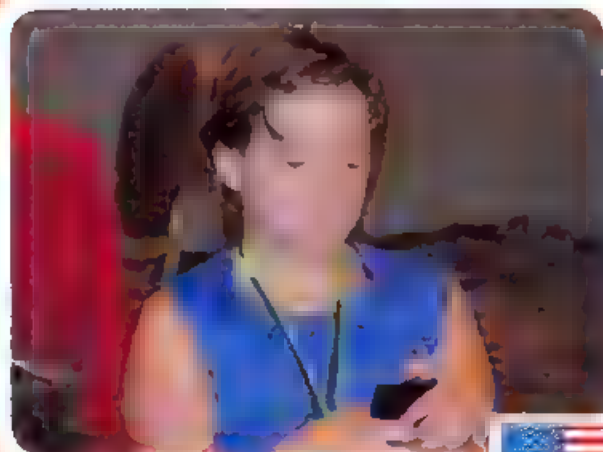
Pokémon is Totodile from
EX Dragon Frontiers

400 games. Ten times a week for ten months, Hiroki Yano sat down to prepare his deck for the World Championships, and in the end, it paid off—his Water Pokémon prevailed to make the young man from Osaka, Japan, the new World Champion. He knows he will need to return to Hawaii next year to defend his title, and so he has one simple request: "Wish me luck!"

Deck List:

| | | | |
|----|------------------------------------|----|-----|
| 2 | Lugia ex | UF | 105 |
| 3 | Blastoise ex | RG | 104 |
| 2 | Wartortle | RG | 50 |
| 3 | Squirtle | RG | 82 |
| 1 | Steelix ex | UF | 109 |
| 1 | Onix | TR | 69 |
| 1 | Latias ☆ | DX | 105 |
| 2 | Pidgeot | RG | 10 |
| 1 | Pidgeotto | RG | 45 |
| 2 | Pidgey | RG | 73 |
| 4 | Plusle | DX | 44 |
| 2 | Holon's Electrode | DS | 21 |
| 3 | Holon's Magnetron | DS | 22 |
| 4 | Rare Candy | HP | 90 |
| 2 | Steven's Advice | HL | 92 |
| 2 | Copypcat | TR | 83 |
| 3 | Celio's Network | RG | 88 |
| 1 | Professor Elm's Training Method | UF | 89 |
| 4 | Rocket's Admin. | TR | 86 |
| 1 | Warp Point | UF | 93 |
| 2 | Pokémon Retriever | TR | 84 |
| 3 | Power Tree | LM | 76 |
| 11 | Water Energy | | |





Spencer Duncan

Second Place (10 and under)

Age: 10

Country: United States

Deck: Hawaiian Magma

Interesting Fact: Plays nearly every day

Spencer Duncan firmly subscribes to the adage that “practice makes perfect.” He spent a great deal of time working his finalist’s deck until it performed almost flawlessly. Lugia ex can do a *lot* of damage,” he notes (something his opponents already know). Spencer gives his brother credit for getting him into the game in the first place—six years ago! And as he considers how to approach the 2007 **Pokémon** TCG World Championships, he says one thing is possible and a second is certain: he might make a new deck, but he’ll definitely practice hard!

Deck List:

| | | | |
|---|------------------------------------|----|-----|
| 2 | Lugia ex | UF | 105 |
| 2 | Blastoise ex | RG | 104 |
| 1 | Wartortle | RG | 50 |
| 2 | Squirtle | RG | 83 |
| 1 | Steelix ex | UF | 109 |
| 1 | Onix | RG | 42 |
| 2 | Pidgeot | RG | 10 |
| 1 | Pidgeotto | RG | 45 |
| 2 | Pidgey | RG | 73 |
| 1 | Jirachi | HL | 8 |
| 2 | Jirachi | DX | 9 |
| 1 | Porygon2 | DS | 25 |
| 1 | Porygon | RG | 47 |
| 3 | Holon’s Electrode | DS | 21 |
| 1 | Holon’s Castform | HP | 44 |
| 1 | Ditto | DS | 38 |
| 4 | Holon Transceiver | DS | 98 |
| 2 | Pokémon Retriever | TR | 84 |
| 2 | Holon Mentor | DS | 93 |
| 4 | Rare Candy | HP | 90 |
| 1 | Pow! Hand Extension | TR | 85 |
| 2 | Switch | DS | 102 |
| 1 | Holon Adventurer | HP | 85 |
| 4 | Professor Elm’s Training Method | UF | 89 |
| 3 | Rocket’s Admin. | TR | 86 |
| 4 | Power Tree | LM | 76 |
| 1 | Island Cave | HL | 89 |
| 8 | Water Energy | | |



Arnoud van Bemmelen

Third Place (10 and under)

Age: 9

Country: Netherlands

Deck: Toise Power

Interesting Fact: Has played in all three World Championship events

Arnoud van Bemmelen won a game in the 2006 **Pokémon** TCG World Championships in 12 seconds—it was his most memorable play of the Worlds weekend. And coming from a family with three other players in it, it's not surprising that Arnoud plays rapid-fire with a quick deck (which he describes as "fast and easy... but unstoppable"). He's played nearly all of his life, and his third-place victory at the World Championships was the result of steady play in other premier events. "I ended high," he says of his moment in the spotlight.

Deck List:

| | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|----|-----|
| 1 | Lugia ex | UF | 105 |
| 2 | Blastoise ex | RG | 104 |
| 2 | Wartortle | RG | 50 |
| 2 | Squirtle | RG | 83 |
| 2 | Steelix ex | UF | 109 |
| 2 | Onix | UF | 65 |
| 1 | Latias ☆ | DX | 105 |
| 2 | Pidgeot | RG | 10 |
| 1 | Pidgeotto | RG | 45 |
| 2 | Pidgey | RG | 73 |
| 1 | Jirachi | HL | 8 |
| 1 | Jirachi | DX | 9 |
| 2 | Holon's Magneton | DS | 22 |
| 3 | Holon's Castform | HP | 44 |
| 1 | Scott | EM | 84 |
| 1 | Steven's Advice | HL | 92 |
| 1 | Ancient Technical Machine [Rock] | HL | 85 |
| 1 | Holon Scientist | DS | 97 |
| 2 | Holon Mentor | DS | 93 |
| 3 | Holon Transceiver | DS | 98 |
| 4 | Rare Candy | HP | 90 |
| 2 | Pokémon Retriever | TR | 84 |
| 2 | Switch | DS | 102 |
| 4 | Professor Elm's Training Method | UF | 89 |
| 3 | Rocket's Admin. | TR | 86 |
| 3 | Power Tree | LM | 76 |
| 1 | Giant Stump | LM | 75 |
| 8 | Water Energy | | |





Fares Sakkoum

Fourth Place (10 and under)

Age: 10

Country: United Kingdom

Deck: Flariados

Interesting Fact: Favorite Pokémon character is Meowth

"I'll remember playing with the best Pokémon players in the world," Fares Sakkoum says, of whom he is one. For two weeks prior to the World Championships, Fares tested his decks with his brothers, both of whom also participated in this year's competition. With every match that brought him closer to the final four, he found that he gained more skill and confidence and was able to better predict what he could do... or what his opponents *might* do. "I am very persistent about winning," he admits.

Deck List:

| | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|----|-----|
| 4 | Flareon ex | DS | 108 |
| 4 | Eevee | DS | 69 |
| 4 | Ariados | UF | 2 |
| 4 | Spinarak | UF | 75 |
| 4 | Great Ball | DS | 90 |
| 4 | Professor Elm's Training Method | UF | 89 |
| 4 | Super Scoop Up | DS | 100 |
| 2 | Scott | EM | 84 |
| 4 | Energy Removal 2 | UF | 82 |
| 3 | Rocket's Admin. | TR | 86 |
| 4 | Mary's Request | UF | 86 |
| 4 | Battle Frontier | EM | 75 |
| 1 | Full Flame | LM | 74 |
| 4 | Multi Energy | HP | 96 |
| 7 | Grass Energy | | |
| 3 | Fire Energy | | |





Winning is about attitude



No longer lost in translation

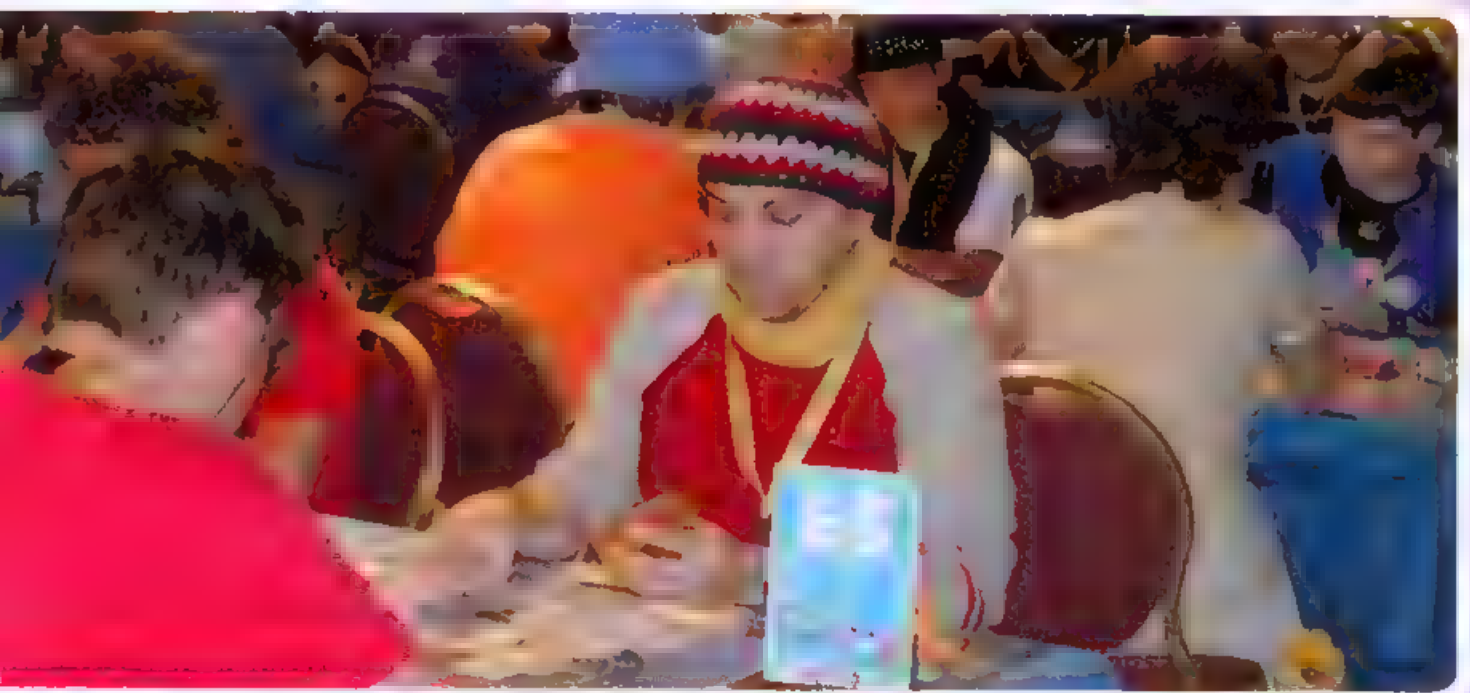


Table 68, your battle is ready!

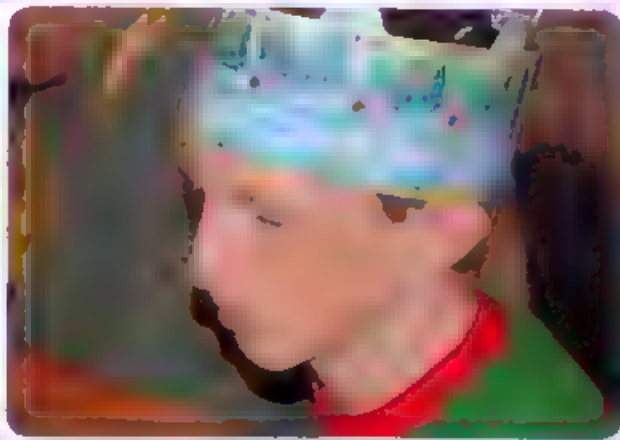


Eyes on the prizes



The Gaming Room after-hours





The things we do for luck



Checking the pairings!



PCL judges and players from Japan

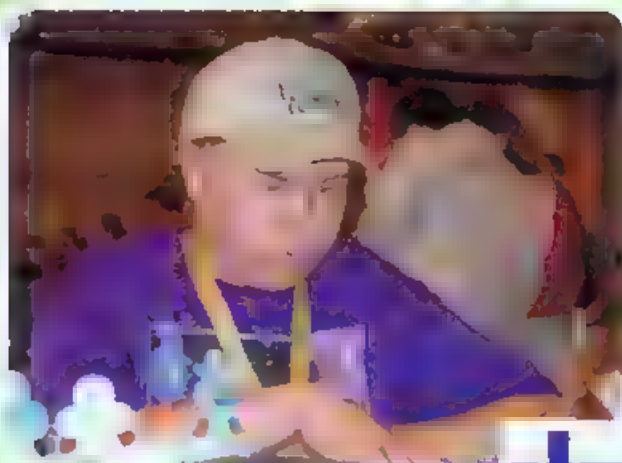


This means, "Ask for translation!"



Eager to see the Prerelease cards





Miska Saari

World Champion (11–14)

Age: 14

Country: Finland

Deck: Suns and Moons

Interesting Fact: Eats three breakfasts every morning

Miska Saari determined the cards in his World Champion's deck during a Pokécamp with all the other Finnish players who were planning to compete in Worlds. In fact, he thinks the two preparation camps he attended were so beneficial that he plans to attend another to prepare to defend his title in 2007. And he might not be there alone. "Before Worlds, there were no other players in my family," he says, "but after my win, there will be—my little brother."

Deck List:

| | | | |
|---|-------------------|----|-----|
| 3 | Lunatone | DX | 36 |
| 1 | Lunatone | LM | 20 |
| 3 | Solrock | DX | 47 |
| 1 | Solrock | LM | 25 |
| 1 | Girafarig | LM | 16 |
| 1 | Pokémon Retriever | TR | 84 |
| 2 | Energy Root | UF | 83 |
| 1 | Warp Point | UF | 93 |
| 3 | Pokémon Reversal | UF | 88 |
| 3 | Great Ball | DS | 90 |
| 4 | Holon Transceiver | DS | 98 |
| 4 | Energy Removal 2 | UF | 82 |
| 2 | Rocket's Admin. | TR | 86 |
| 2 | Steven's Advice | HL | 92 |
| 3 | Mary's Request | UF | 86 |
| 1 | Holon Farmer | DS | 91 |
| 1 | Holon Scientist | DS | 97 |
| 1 | Holon Adventurer | HP | 85 |
| 3 | Holon Mentor | DS | 93 |
| 3 | Cursed Stone | LM | 72 |
| 3 | Desert Ruins | HL | 88 |
| 3 | Holon Energy FF | DS | 104 |
| 4 | Multi Energy | HP | 96 |
| 1 | Psychic Energy | | |
| 6 | Fighting Energy | | |



David Booij

Second Place (11-14)

Age: 12

Country: Netherlands

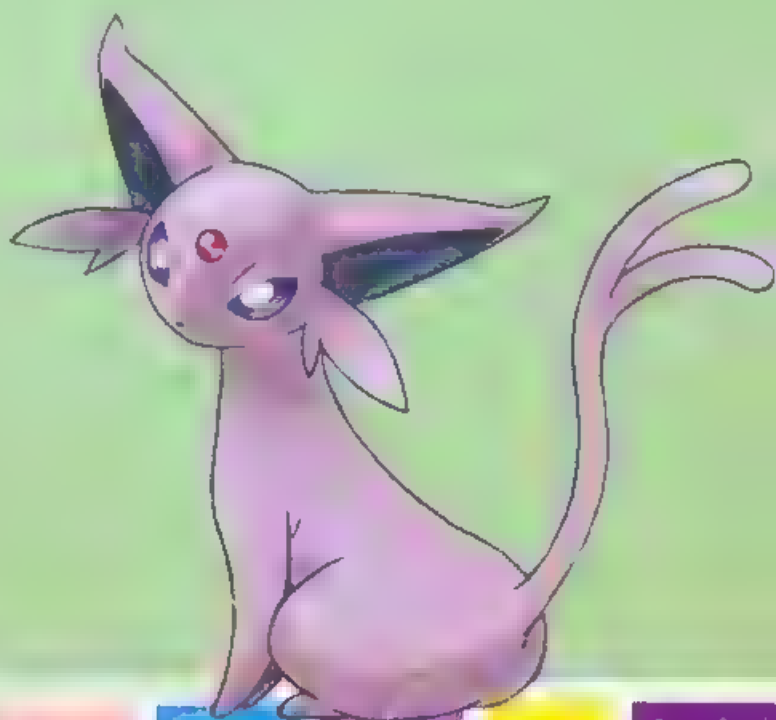
Deck: Booij Power

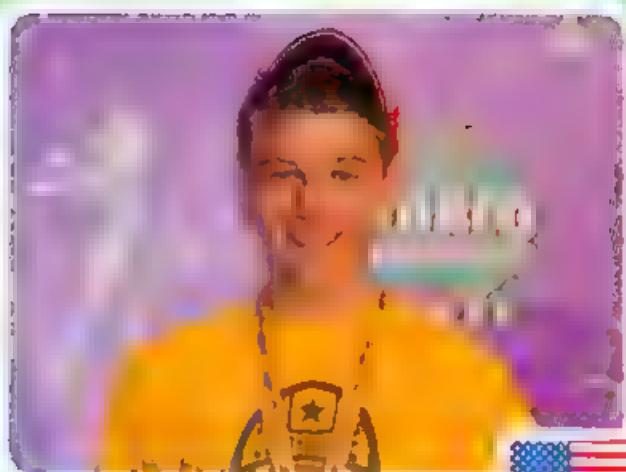
Interesting Fact: Plays best under pressure

David Booij went from just collecting **Pokémon** cards to becoming one of the best players in the world by joining a league. In the four years he's been involved, he's noticed how the game evolves—"and how you make so many new friends through playing," he adds. After an exceptional amount of practice with his team members from Team Torchic, he can now do up to 110 damage for only 1 Energy. Next time, he vows, "I'll win the finals!"

Deck List:

| | | | |
|---|-------------------|----|-----|
| 3 | Flareon ex | DS | 108 |
| 1 | Espeon ex | UF | 102 |
| 4 | Eevee | DS | 69 |
| 4 | Ariados | UF | 2 |
| 4 | Spinarak | UF | 75 |
| 1 | Holon's Electrode | DS | 21 |
| 1 | Scott | EM | 84 |
| 3 | Copypcat | TR | 83 |
| 3 | Rocket's Admin. | TR | 86 |
| 4 | Energy Removal 2 | UF | 82 |
| 4 | Super Scoop Up | DS | 100 |
| 4 | Great Ball | DS | 90 |
| 4 | Mary's Request | UF | 86 |
| 4 | Professor Elm's | | |
| | Training Method | UF | 89 |
| 4 | Battle Frontier | EM | 75 |
| 1 | Giant Stump | LM | 75 |
| 4 | Multi Energy | HP | 96 |
| 5 | Grass Energy | | |
| 2 | Fire Energy | | |





Tad Wheeler

Third Place (11–14)

Age: 13

Country: United States

Deck: Steel Water

Interesting Fact: His brother Ty made the top 32 this year

Tad Wheeler tried to predict the most popular decks likely to see play at this year's **Pokémon** TCG World Championships, then built his own deck with slight modifications to defeat those decks. "Slow, powerful, and *good*," he describes his deck. And clearly, it paid off—Tad achieved third place after getting into the Championships via the Last Chance Qualifier. In fact, he's played in Worlds the last three years via the "grinder." So, what about next year? "I will do everything the same," Tad says.

Deck List:

| | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|----|-----|
| 1 | Lugia ex | UF | 105 |
| 2 | Blastoise ex | RG | 104 |
| 2 | Wartortle | RG | 50 |
| 3 | Squirtle | RG | 83 |
| 2 | Steelix ex | UF | 109 |
| 2 | Onix | UF | 65 |
| 1 | Latias ☆ | DX | 105 |
| 2 | Pidgeot | RG | 10 |
| 1 | Pidgeotto | RG | 45 |
| 2 | Pidgey | RG | 73 |
| 1 | Blissey ex | UF | 101 |
| 1 | Chansey | UF | 20 |
| 2 | Jirachi | DX | 9 |
| 2 | Jirachi | HL | 8 |
| 2 | Holon's Magneton | DS | 22 |
| 1 | Holon's Magnemite | DS | 70 |
| 2 | Holon's Castform | HP | 44 |
| 3 | Rare Candy | HP | 90 |
| 3 | Holon Transceiver | DS | 98 |
| 2 | Holon Adventurer | HP | 85 |
| 1 | Holon Lass | DS | 92 |
| 1 | Holon Scientist | DS | 97 |
| 2 | Holon Mentor | DS | 93 |
| 2 | Pokémon Retriever | TR | 84 |
| 2 | Professor Elm's Training Method | UF | 89 |
| 1 | Rocket's Admin. | TR | 86 |
| 1 | Switch | DS | 102 |
| 2 | Power Tree | LM | 76 |
| 2 | Island Cave | HL | 89 |
| 9 | Water Energy | | |



Austin Reed

Fourth Place (11-14)

Age: 12

Country: United States

Deck: Three steps to K.O.

Interesting Fact: By his own admission, he's "goofy"

Austin Reed freely admits: "I used a joke deck." Yet he also acknowledges that Ludicolo got him all the way to fourth place at the **Pokémon** TCG World Championships. Even so, Austin hadn't played in nearly a month before bringing his "disruptive" deck to Anaheim. Despite his casual approach to competitive play, he concedes that his favorite part of the game is the same as many other players': "I like winning."

Deck List:

| | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|----|-----|
| 4 | Ludicolo | DX | 10 |
| 2 | Lombre | DX | 33 |
| 4 | Lotad | DX | 35 |
| 3 | Magcargo | DX | 20 |
| 1 | Magcargo | UF | 41 |
| 3 | Slugma | UF | 73 |
| 1 | Holon's Castform | HP | 44 |
| 3 | Jirachi | DX | 9 |
| 2 | Rocket's Admin. | TR | 86 |
| 2 | Steven's Advice | HL | 92 |
| 4 | Celio's Network | RG | 88 |
| 1 | Holon Adventurer | HP | 85 |
| 2 | Holon Transceiver | DS | 98 |
| 2 | Holon Mentor | DS | 93 |
| 1 | Surprise! Time Machine | TR | 91 |
| 1 | Switch | DS | 102 |
| 1 | Pokémon Retriever | TR | 84 |
| 1 | Ancient Technical Machine [Rock] | HL | 85 |
| 1 | Warp Point | UF | 93 |
| 4 | Rare Candy | HP | 90 |
| 4 | Battle Frontier | EM | 75 |
| 4 | Double Rainbow Energy | EM | 87 |
| 2 | Heal Energy | DX | 94 |
| 3 | Scramble Energy | DX | 95 |
| 4 | Water Energy | | |



Bean-bag bonanza n the movie room



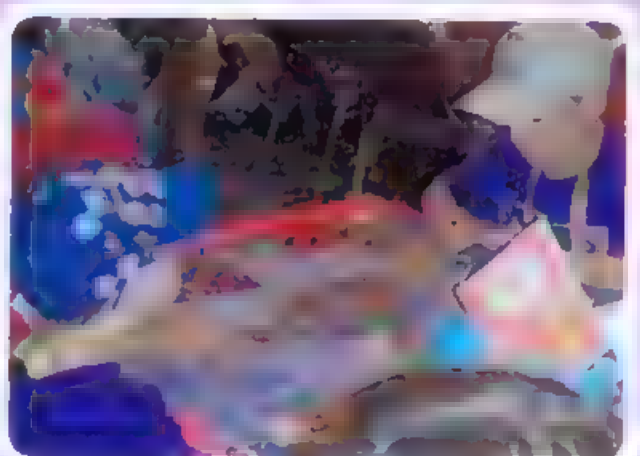
Meowth blends in



The stakes are high in the 10 and under battles

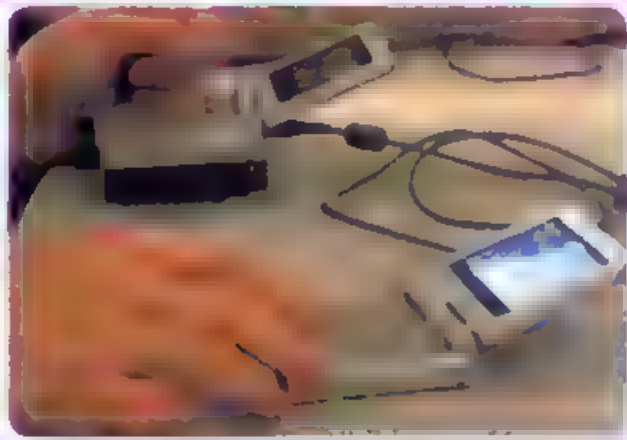


The Creative Wall of Fame

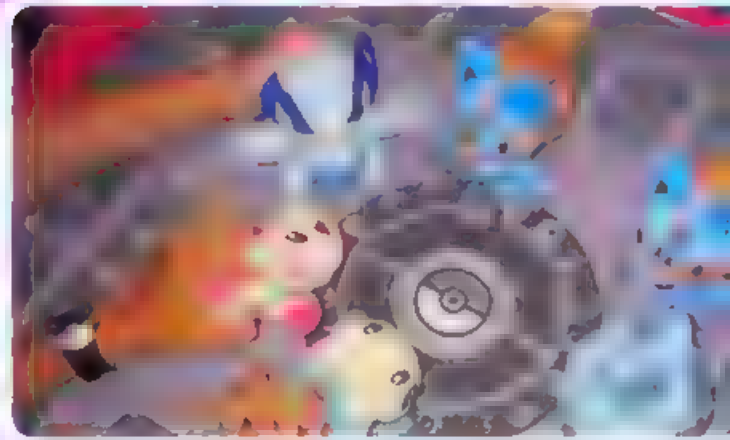


POP pins galore!





Which Pokémon would you choose?



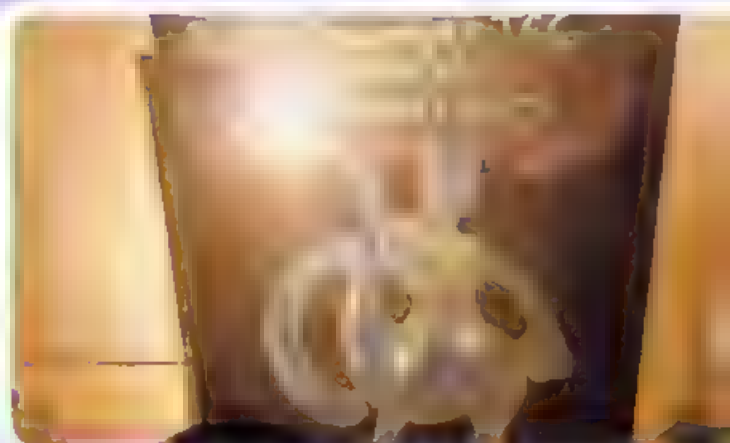
All hands, to the arena!



The 2006 **Pokémon** TCG World Championships... from above

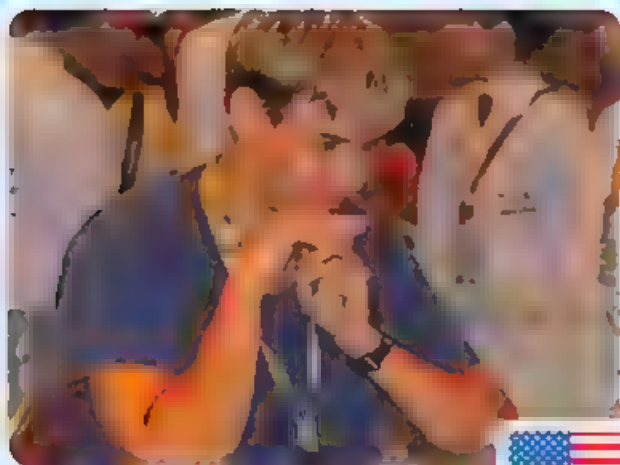


New players join the league



Chaik one up for the coffee house!





Jason Klaczynski

World Champion (15 and up)

Age: 20

Country: United States

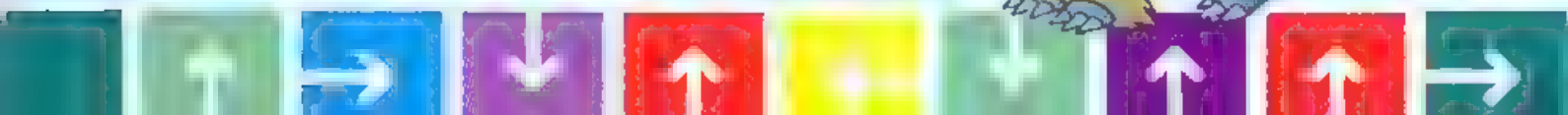
Deck: Mewtrick

Interesting Fact: Taught himself to play using the rulebook

Jason Klaczynski has played the **Pokémon** Trading Card Game since its U.S. debut in December 1998, and now he has become one of its World Champions. Though he notes that he made two errors in Swiss, he also points out that "I made fewer mistakes than my opponents, and, in the end, that's what mattered." He also defeated a Banette ex/Medicham ex deck that he'd heard was expected to win Worlds. Buoyed by this, he fully expects that next year will be a little different: "I intend to play perfectly," he says.

Deck List:

| | | | |
|----|------------------------------------|----|-----|
| 3 | Manectric ex | DX | 101 |
| 4 | Electrike | DX | 60 |
| 4 | Mew ex | LM | 88 |
| 1 | Deoxys ex | EM | 93 |
| 1 | Roselia | LM | 42 |
| 1 | Regirock ex | HL | 98 |
| 1 | Girafarig | LM | 16 |
| 2 | Holon's Magneton | DS | 22 |
| 4 | Rocket's Admin. | TR | 86 |
| 3 | Scott | EM | 84 |
| 4 | Professor Elm's Training Method | UF | 89 |
| 4 | TV Reporter | P2 | 11 |
| 1 | Mary's Request | UF | 86 |
| 4 | Dual Ball | DS | 89 |
| 2 | Pow! Hand Extension | TR | 85 |
| 2 | Switch | DS | 102 |
| 3 | Battle Frontier | EM | 75 |
| 1 | Cursed Stone | LM | 72 |
| 4 | Multi Energy | HP | 96 |
| 11 | Lightning Energy | | |





Jimmy Ballard

Second Place (15 and up)

Age: 33

Country: United States

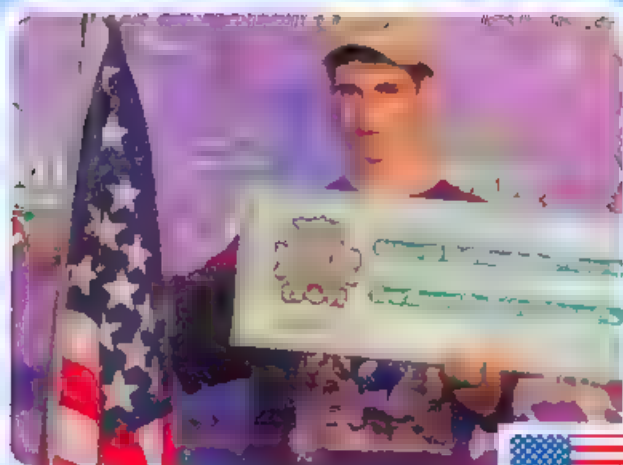
Deck: Eeveelutions

Interesting Fact: Only plays "rogue" decks

Jimmy Ballard was hooked when he pulled an Alakazam from the first pack he ever bought. Now, six years later, both he and his son (who practiced together) competed simultaneously in the **Pokémon** TCG World Championships. While his son didn't go as far as he did, Jimmy made an impressive showing with a deck that was far from being an archetypical one. But more important, the time the two of them spent together "really bonded us as a family," Jimmy says.

Deck List:

| | | | |
|---|------------------------|----|-----|
| 2 | Flareon ex | DS | 108 |
| 2 | Umbreon ex | UF | 112 |
| 2 | Espeon ex | UF | 102 |
| 1 | Vaporeon ex | DS | 110 |
| 1 | Jolteon ex | DS | 109 |
| 4 | Eevee | DS | 69 |
| 3 | Pidgeot | RG | 10 |
| 2 | Pidgeotto | RG | 45 |
| 3 | Pidgey | RG | 73 |
| 2 | Holon's Electrode | DS | 21 |
| 4 | Surprise! Time Machine | TR | 91 |
| 3 | Rocket's Admin. | TR | 86 |
| 3 | Rare Candy | HP | 90 |
| 2 | Professor Elm's | | |
| | Training Method | UF | 89 |
| 2 | Celio's Network | RG | 88 |
| 2 | Bill's Maintenance | RG | 87 |
| 1 | Pokémon Retriever | TR | 84 |
| 2 | Strength Charm | DX | 92 |
| 1 | Copypcat | TR | 83 |
| 1 | Steven's Advice | HL | 92 |
| 1 | Ancient Technical | | |
| | Machine [Rock] | HL | 85 |
| 2 | Giant Stump | LM | 75 |
| 2 | Full Flame | LM | 74 |
| 2 | Holon Energy FF | DS | 104 |
| 3 | Holon Energy WP | DS | 106 |
| 3 | Fire Energy | | |
| 4 | Water Energy | | |



Jeremy Maron

Third Place (15 and up)

Age: 20

Country: United States

Deck: Queendoom

Interesting Fact: Was in the top 4 at Worlds two years in a row, 2005 World Champion

Playing on the Internet to perfect his deck convinced Jeremy Maron that his deck—which was the same deck as the one that made him World Champion last year—could make another solid showing this year. He rotated out Milotic, rotated in Houndoom, and the rest is World Championships history. Yet he credits his advancement this year to a completely different Pokémon: Pidgey. “Without Pidgey’s Corner attack, I would’ve lost in the top 16,” he says. He is certain that with more practice, he’ll do even better at next year’s Championships.

Deck List:

| | | | |
|---|-----------------------|----|-----|
| 4 | Nidoran ♀ | RG | 70 |
| 3 | Nidorina | RG | 40 |
| 4 | Nidoqueen | RG | 9 |
| 3 | Pidgey | RG | 73 |
| 2 | Pidgeotto | RG | 45 |
| 3 | Pidgeot | RG | 10 |
| 1 | Pidgeot | HP | 14 |
| 1 | Houndour | TR | 59 |
| 1 | Houndoom | UF | 7 |
| 1 | Holon’s Electrode | DS | 21 |
| 4 | Rare Candy | HP | 90 |
| 4 | Celio’s Network | RG | 88 |
| 3 | Copycat | TR | 83 |
| 2 | Steven’s Advice | HL | 92 |
| 2 | Rocket’s Admin. | TR | 86 |
| 2 | Holon Mentor | DS | 93 |
| 1 | Holon Scientist | DS | 97 |
| 1 | Holon Transceiver | DS | 98 |
| 1 | Scott | EM | 84 |
| 2 | Space Center | DX | 91 |
| 4 | Double Rainbow Energy | EM | 87 |
| 2 | Heal Energy | DX | 94 |
| 4 | Holon Energy GL | DS | 105 |
| 1 | Warp Energy | UF | 100 |
| 4 | Grass Energy | | |



Yuta Komatsuda

Fourth Place (15 and up)

Age: 16

Country: Japan

Deck: Meta Nite

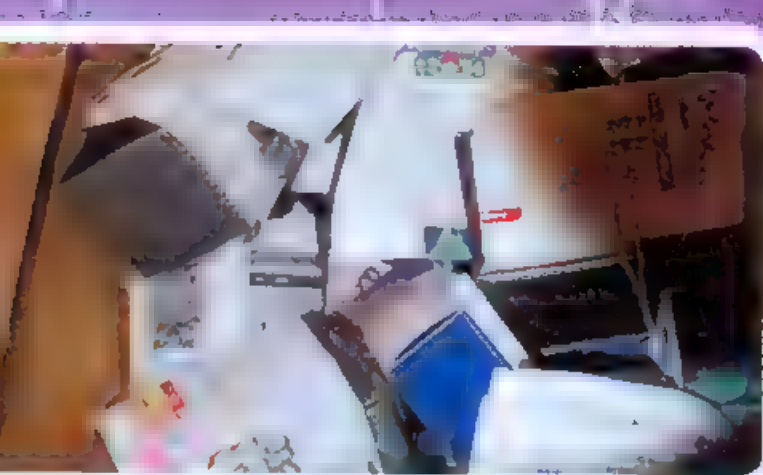
Interesting Fact: Achieved notable success in the Mathematics Olympics

Yuta Komatsuda was gratified that the Pokémon Card Laboratory experts were on hand during the World Championships. "They were very kind and close to me," Yuta says, and they were quietly supportive of him as he competed in the final four in Anaheim. His deck used Metagross and Dragonite to collect Energy for a devastating attack, a fast combo that he found to be very effective.

Deck List:

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|----|-------------------|----|-----|
| 3 | Dragonite | DS | 3 |
| 1 | Dragonair | DS | 42 |
| 3 | Dratini | DS | 66 |
| 3 | Metagross | DS | 11 |
| 1 | Metagross | DX | 11 |
| 3 | Metang | HL | 44 |
| 4 | Beldum | HL | 29 |
| 2 | Jirachi | DX | 9 |
| 1 | Rocket's Admin. | TR | 86 |
| 2 | Copypcat | TR | 83 |
| 2 | Steven's Advice | HL | 92 |
| 4 | Celio's Network | RG | 88 |
| 4 | Rare Candy | HP | 90 |
| 4 | Pokémon Reversal | UF | 88 |
| 2 | Pokémon Retriever | TR | 84 |
| 1 | Warp Point | UF | 93 |
| 1 | Switch | DS | 102 |
| 4 | Holon Ruins | DS | 96 |
| 4 | Metal Energy | HP | 95 |
| 10 | Lightning Energy | | |
| 1 | Psychic Energy | | |





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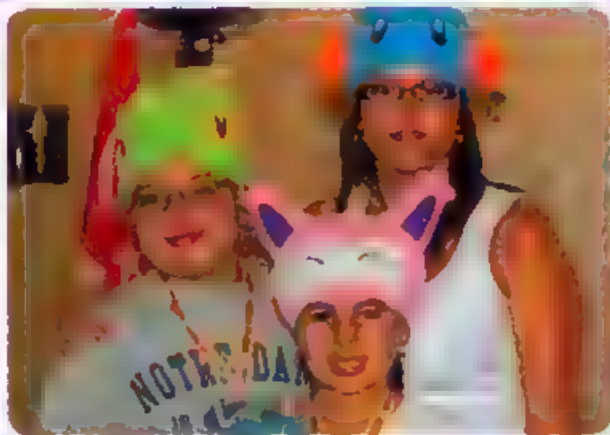


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